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SUBJECT: QUALIFICATION MODEL SPACECRAFT REFURBISHMENT OPTION

DIRECTOR GENERAL NICSMA SENDS:

BEGIN QUOTE:

REFERENCES: A. SAMSO TELEX NBR 677192 DATED 25 JUN 73, (#917)

B. SAMSO MSG 091200Z FEB 73.

1. REF A. REQUESTED DECISION ON REFRUBISHMENT OF NATO III QUAL MODEL SPACECRAFT BY AUGUST 1, 1973. NICSMA CANNOT AUTHORIZE THIS ACTION WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING NJEC AND INFRASTRUCTURE P&P COMMITTEE APPROVAL. IT IS CONSIDERED THAT SUCH APPROVAL COULD NOT BE OBTAINED EARLIER THAN NOVEMBER 1973, BUT COULD BE AS LATE AS EARLY 1974.

2. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, PLEASE ADVISE WHAT EFFECT THIS DELAY WOULD HAVE ON PROGRAM BENEFITS AND POSSIBLE FINANCIAL SAVINGS STATED IN PARA 4 OF REF A.

3. FURTHER INFORMATION IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO PREPARE JUSTIFICA-
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TION FOR AN EARLY DECISION ON IMPLEMENTING REFURBISHMENT OPTION
AS FOLLOWS:

A. DOLLAR VALUE OF QUAL MODEL SPACECRAFT AS PRESENTLY CALLED

FOR IN SATELLITE CONTRACT.

B. WHAT ADDITIONAL FUNDS WOULD BE REQUIRED IF NATO WERE TO EXERCISE REFURBISHMENT OPTION OF QUAL MODEL AS REQUESTED.

C. CONTRACT PRICE FOR REFURBISHMENT OF QUAL MODEL IS FOUR POINT ONE MILLION DOLLARS. WOULD VALUE OF CONTRACT HAVE TO BE RAISED BY THAT AMOUNT AT THE TIME APPROVAL WAS GRANTED? IF NOT, WHAT INCREASE IN DOLLAR VALUE WOULD BE REQUIRED. AT WHAT TIME WOULD REMAINDER OF FUNDS HAVE TO BE AVAILABLE.

D. WOULD THERE BE ANY INCREASE FOR THE FOLLOWING SERVICES? IF SO, HOW MUCH?

(1) SAMSO MANNING (N2-SAU).

(2) AEROSPACE GSE/TD (N2-SAT).

(3) OVERSEAS TRAVEL COST (N2-SAX).

E. COSTS RELATED TO:

(1) LAUNCH VEHICLE

(2) AFETR COSTS (ONE LAUNCH)

(3) CASE N2-SAV ON ORBIT CONTROL/TESTING

(4) TRANSPORTATION OF SATELLITE TO AFETR

(5) US ADMIN CHARGES

F. ESTIMATED COST SAVING OF NATO FUNDS IF DECISION MADE BY NOVEMBER 1973; EARLY 1974.

G. PARA 2, REF A. ADDRESSES POSSIBLE SAVINGS (66K MIN 83K MAX) IF ADM FOR THIRD SPACECRAFT IS ORDERED BY 1 NOV 73. SHELF
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LIFE OF AKM IS TWO YEARS WHICH MEANS THIRD SPACECRAFT SHOULD BE LAUNCHED NOT LATER THAN AUG 1977(REF B. PERTAINS). WHAT ARE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH BORING OUT OF OLD PROPELLANT AND REPOURING OF AKM SHOULD LAUNCH BE DELAYED BEYOND AUG 1977?

H. ESTIMATED COST FOR STORING SATELLITE ONE YEAR? TWO YEARS? THREE YEARS?
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